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(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Attorney Docket Number		112-0112US-CIP
First Named Inventor		Venkat Rangan
COMPLETE IF KNOWN		
Application Number	10/695,625	
Filing Date	102/8/2003	
Art Unit		
Examiner Name		

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR STORAGE PROCESSING WITH SPLIT DATA AND CONTROL PATHS

the specification of which

(Title of the Invention)

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Application Number and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

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Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

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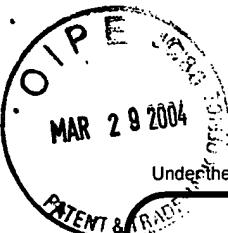
Supplemental Sheet

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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).**SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record**

Name

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Date

3/17/2004

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: Venkat RanganApplication No./Patent No.: 10/695, 625Filed/Issue Date: 10/28/2003Entitled: **Apparatus and Method for Storage Processing with Split Data and Control Paths****Brocade Communications Systems, Inc.**, a **Delaware corporation**

(Name of Assignee)

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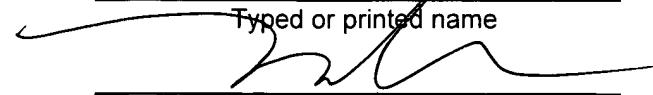
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